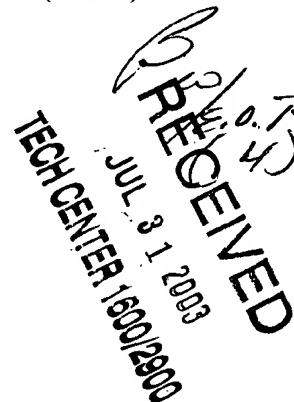




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is submitted in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 24, 2003. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being submitted on even date herewith. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-26, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add the following new claims.

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